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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Bruce L. Peterson et al. )  
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Serial No. 10/024,734 ) Examiner: 2131  
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Filing Date: December 18, 2001 ) Group Art Unit No. 2758  
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For METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
TRACKING COMPUTER SYSTEM )  
USAGE THROUGH A REMOTE )  
ACCESS SECURITY DEVICE )

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining this application

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 to read as follows:

11. (Amended) In a system for providing secure remote access between a plurality of unrelated host computer networks and a plurality of authorized users via a network access server, a method of monitoring access to each of the unrelated host computer networks comprising the steps of:  
maintaining a list of host computer networks and an associated list of authorized users for each host computer network in a first memory device;  
automatically creating a starting time stamp at the beginning of a remote access call received from an authorized user at a communication server and connecting the authorized user to an appropriate one of the plurality of unrelated host computer networks

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